

District V Advisory Board Minutes
March 4, 2002
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The District V Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Auburn Hills Golf Course Clubhouse at 335 S. 135th Street West. In attendance were the District V City Council Member, nine (9) District Advisory Board Members including three (3) youth members, twelve (12) City staff, and four (4) citizens.

Members Present

Maurice Ediger
Brendon Groves
Bob Bulman
Sean Cash
David Dennis
Amy Garcia
Fran Hoggatt
Christina Kostelecky
Dave Almes

Members Absent

Andy Johnson
Teresa Schmidt
Margarita Farelle-Hunt
Bob Sorensen
Debbie Scrafford

Staff

Jim Armour, Public Works
Lt. Tom Spencer, Police
Sgt. Clark Bolan, Police
Officer Robert Ahsens, Police
Off Alex W. Dean, Police

Guests

Richard Knuth	437 Arapaho
Clete Dold	218 S. Breezy Pt. Cr.
Scott Kline	351 S. Arapaho
George Walta	10630 Carr

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Council Member Martz at 7:05. He explained the purpose of board and conduct of the members and the public was important to the success of the meeting. He reported that a distribution list of e-mails was maintained for distribution of city information and noted that anyone who wished to be included should either provide that information on the sign-up sheet or give to the Neighborhood Assistant. He also provided his phone number and e-mail address for the convenience of anyone who wished to contact him.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of February 4, 2002 were approved by a vote of 6:0 (Almes/Dennis).

Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

Public Agenda

1. Scheduled items.

No items had been scheduled for review.

2. Off-agenda items

George Walta, 10630 Carr, asked if a date had been set for paving of Carr Street to be started. He was told that early spring is designated although the weather could hasten or delay that starting point. He also stated that he had concerns for the appearance of Ridge Road as the entryway to the city from the airport, especially the leaks in the wall and the rusting of the railing for the Kellogg flyover. **Council member Martz** asked **Jim Armour, Public Works**, to address to which Armour explained that the State of Kansas maintains that area as part of a state and interstate transportation route. He stated that he would note the concern for future items to discuss with the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Action: Receive and file

3. Community Police Report

Community Police Officer Robert Ahsens reported for Beat 19 as the primary beat in District V. He reported that about twenty vandalism incidents had occurred involving about 8-9 youth of which five had been arrested. Ahsens said that a meeting is arranged with students at high schools to present information regarding the designation of criminal acts and potential penalty including a criminal record associated with vandalism. Hoggatt asked Ahsens to also address the impact on property insurance costs.

Ediger asked about whether the police had received an increase in complaints about the traffic noise in the area of Central and Tyler with the increased width/traffic lanes on Central and the concerns expressed by the neighborhoods that this would impact their area. Ahsens said he was not aware of any issues with traffic noise. He stated that this intersection has a low rate of accidents, especially compared to the Maple and Ridge intersection which is considered high. Armour added that Public Works had not received any complaints.

Action: Receive and file

Public Works

4. Review of petition for Improvement Districts

Richard Knuth, 437 S. Arapaho, and other residents of the area presented an option of a cul-de-sac as an alternative to paving University Street as a through street between Arapaho and Maple Lane. The paving petition has been presented by Public Works at the February 4th meeting. Council Member Martz and the Advisory Board had encouraged the residents who opposed the paving to explore and present alternatives at this meeting. Knuth stated that the cul-de-sac was a compromise that would provide the interior property owners (petitioners) with access to their property yet would not open University as a through-street. He also noted that it might require less street maintenance. **Council Member Martz** asked Knuth if he and the others had been able to get the signatures of all of the residents who live on Arapaho to which Knuth said he had the ones who were identified as being assessed for the project. A question was raised about the petitioners not being 51% of the residents; Council Member Martz explained that their petition represented 51% of the property, not the number of residents.

Armour stated that many subdivisions did exist in Wichita that only had one way in and out and these were liked by the residents but were not efficient for fire and other emergency management services. Ediger said that this appeared to be a special situation with businesses surrounding the area making it understandable that a concern exists that motorists would use the area as a short-cut to the businesses. Hoggatt asked if the remaining undeveloped areas had been platted yet to which Armour said no. Dennis asked if the property owners who petitioned had been contacted. Ediger said he was in favor of withdrawing the motion until the petitioners could provide more information. Council Member Martz responded that whoever pays needs to be involved in the decision but he noted that the City had received a properly executed petition and proper options should be considered. Armour stated that the Departments of Fire, Planning, Public Works, and Emergency Management need to be involved. Council Member Martz stated that a meeting should be arranged with these departments, the petitioners, and the residents impacted on both Arapaho and Maple Lane. Cash (Ediger) moved that the recommendation be deferred until the April meeting in order to collect additional information from the departments, the cost estimates for a cul-de-sac versus paving through, and identification of any other options for providing access to the interior property owners. Motion passed 6:0.

Action: Defer until April DAB meeting for collection of additional information.

Board Agenda

5. Updates, Issues, and Reports

Council Member Martz reported on several items/issues of interest or concern that have been initiated by citizens:

- Request for help to get the utility pole in front of the Rainbow Lakes monument relocated to a different spot. Council Member Martz said the relocation had not occurred yet due to the location of water/sewer lines but Westar is working on it.
- Request for information on costs of the fiberglass vs. wooden pole has been provided to the resident in Maple Dunes and contact information was provided for each.
- Council Member Martz asked about the outcome of reporting the house condition at 119th & 21st Streets to which staff said the case was being heard in Environmental Court.
- Requests had been received for an update on flooding/drainage work but the progress had been slowed recently by the need for the Federal Emergency Management Agency to utilize newer maps in their work.
- Dennis asked again about getting information about the Planning process and the drainage versus platting issue. Council Member Martz asked staff to arrange for Marvin Krout, Planning Director, to present at the next meeting.
- Regarding the issue with Central Street expansion and request for a wall, Council Member Martz stated that the Council would act on the proposal for a city ordinance to not build residential walls due to the demand this would place on city funding.

Citywide issues noted by Council Member Martz included:

- Bridge over floodway would be determined on March 19th at the Council meeting. Garcia presented some questions regarding the true cost of 13th vs. 25th bridges. She provided a bar graph handout and asked if apples were being compared to oranges? Council Member Martz said he had some of the same concerns. He shared information that he intended to deliver at the Council meeting. Discussion of the information took place and several points were made.
- Prescribed burns will be conducted at Prairie Park to eliminate weeds.
- Temporary traffic circles at Westport & Maize will be constructed after the threat of bad weather is over.
- Air-Tran Services are now available at Mid-Continent

District Advisory Board Members also reported on activities, events, or concerns in the neighborhoods and /or district.

- Bulman asked about any progress with the unfinished billboard and the railroad ties around Zoo and 21st Street.

Action: Address as appropriate, or receive and file.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for District Advisory Board V will be April 1, 2002 at Auburn Hills Clubhouse at 7:00 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Dana Brown Neighborhood Assistant